

Weekly Column for June 2, 2005

After months and months of struggling to figure out which month it was based on the hot and cold patterns that were brought to us by Mother Nature here in the Northeast, there is no question what month it is now. Welcome June, and thank you for coming just as the air conditioner in City Hall decided it no longer wanted to work.

So as we sit here accomplishing the daily grind that is City business, I thought I would take a minute and discuss some of the great events we have coming up in Troy over the course of the next few weeks.

This coming weekend we have an exciting event planned for Riverfront Park. It is the inaugural River Jam, organized by Bill LeRoux from Albanystage.com. The show is some of the better jam bands from around the country and area coming together to benefit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Organizers are asking that anyone attending the event bring a canned food good to support the food bank.

The show begins at noon and runs through 7 p.m. Playing at Riverfront Park will be Adam Foster, School Bus Yellow, Scarecrow Collection, Rev Tor Band, Raisinhead, Oshe, and Dr Jah and The Love Prophets. The weather is supposed to be fabulous, so make sure you head down to the park and have a great time. For more information on the show, checkout www.albanystage.com

The following weekend is the 38th Annual Flag Day Parade on Sunday, June 12th. Along with the parade this year, there will also be a carnival held near Riverfront Park in the Front Street parking lot. If you're from the area, you understand the significance of the Flag Day Parade in Troy, and we're sure that this year's event will be a wonderful success as so many in the past have been.

In two weeks, it will be time for the Second Annual River Street Festival. Last year, we threw the festival together at the last minute, and of course it was a resounding success. We're hoping for more of the same this year, and I'll have an entire column devoted to the show in two weeks. That party will begin at 10 a.m. on June 18th and run until about 6 p.m.

We have many more events going on throughout the rest of the summer, but I'll save those for another day.

For now, have a terrific weekend, enjoy the weather, and come on down to Riverfront Park for a great show on Saturday.

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